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Sanborn Participates in First Confirmation Hearing

Majority Leader asks Sanborn to be a guest member of Government Operations Committee

(LANSING) – Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, participated in his first confirmation hearing as a guest member of the Senate Government Operations Committee today.

The Committee on Government Operations met to consider the appointment of Lansing Mayor David Hollister to the position of Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Senator Sanborn was asked by Majority Leader Ken Sikkema to participate in the hearing because he will need to be comfortable working with the appointee on economic and regulatory reform issues for the next four years.

“I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the advice and consent process as a guest member of the Government Operations Committee,” Sanborn said. “Mayor Hollister seems to possess the right combination of skill and experience to lead the department and to work in partnership with the legislature on economic and regulatory reform issues.”

Sanborn had the opportunity to ask questions of Mayor Hollister regarding his views on a variety of issues and to hear first hand his answers to questions posed by other members of the committee.

“Mayor Hollister and I will have the opportunity to work together to develop policies which will promote economic growth in Michigan,” Sanborn said. “Mr. Hollister has had many years of legislative and local government experience and is an excellent choice for this position.”

The appointment of Mayor Hollister as Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services was reported favorably by the committee and will be considered by the full Senate on January 21, 2003.

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